

in Rockaway Borough, and throughout New Jersey and the nation, who could remember the days when Abraham Lincoln served as President of the United States.

The decision to name this school in Lincoln's honor reflected the great esteem in which people held the memory of our 16th President. But it also is a tribute to the example a young Abraham Lincoln provided to students about the value of education. Who among us does not recall the stories of Lincoln stretched out in front of a fire, using the light of that fire to read his school books?

Fortunately for today's students at the Lincoln School, they don't have to rely on firelight to illuminate their lessons. They have the advantages provided by our modern amenities. But, what's more important, they have the benefit of being taught by talented and dedicated teachers and staff who give so much to meet the needs of their students. And they have the support of parents and of a community that value education and are willing to invest in the future by investing in their children's education.

As the Lincoln School begins its second century it is preparing its students to succeed and thrive in America's third century. As the future president said in his very first political announcement, when, at the youthful age of 23, he ran for the Illinois state legislature, "Upon the subject of education . . . I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people can be engaged in."

That is certainly a sentiment the people of Rockaway Borough shared 100 years ago when they built the Lincoln School, just as it remains their view today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in saluting the Lincoln School on its centennial and in paying tribute to all of the administrators, teachers, and staff who have made it a citadel of learning, and also join me in honoring all of the students, parents, and community members, past and present, who have nurtured the growth and contributed to the success of the Lincoln School over the past 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOR FLIGHT OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO AND EL PASO, TEXAS

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, a distinguished Veterans Service Organization in my district.

The Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, is comprised of dedicated volunteers in our area who go above and beyond in serving veterans. The group develops new relationships and cultivates existing bonds among our veteran community, elected officials and government agencies; honors the memory of service members who died in service; and assists in fulfilling a lifelong goal of visiting our nation's capital. Honor Flight sends World War II and Korean veterans to Washington, D.C., to see their memorials at no cost to the veterans.

This year, the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, will take off on

October 6 and return October 8, 2014. Sixty-five veterans will participate, most of them World War II veterans. The group will depart October 6 on two planes and will receive a memorable departure assisted by the Fort Bliss Quintet Band and the Red Cross ladies in vintage uniform. The group will also receive a Hero's Welcome Home along with an honor guard, families of participating veterans and a bagpipe and drum corps.

Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico was established in 2008 by business and community leaders who were devoted to honoring our Veterans. Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico added El Paso, Texas, in October 2013. This year will mark their seventh flight back to Washington, D.C., allowing Veterans the opportunity to see their memorial.

I thank the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, for their commitment to honoring our veterans and for helping to strengthen the bonds among veterans in the El Paso community. I am glad that Veteran Service Organizations like these exist in our area and I thank them for their selfless service to honor many of those we call the "Greatest Generation."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor and recognize the Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

HONORING THE TOWN OF MILFORD, CONNECTICUT AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 375TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the community of Milford, Connecticut as they mark the 375th Anniversary of the town's founding—a remarkable milestone for this wonderful shoreline community. The sixth oldest town in Connecticut, Milford is the home of 52,000 residents and proudly showcases its meticulously maintained "town green", the second longest in New England, as well as seventeen miles of Long Island Sound coastline which funnel into the Milford Harbor and wind to meet the Wepawaug River in the heart of town. It is a special community full of rich history and community spirit.

The area then known as "Wepawaug" was purchased from Ansantawae, chief sachem of the Paugusset Tribe on February 1, 1639. Settlers began arriving shortly thereafter and began to build the town known as Milford. Buried treasure is said to exist on a small island the Indians called "Poquahaug", just a mile off Silver Sands Beach. It is a recognized fact that Captain Kidd and other pirates sailed and hid along the Connecticut coast so it is no wonder that iron chests filled with "loot" are rumored to be buried on the land called Charles Island.

Fort Trumbull was built to provide protection in the late 1700s during the Revolutionary War and during the Civil War Milford was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Though agriculture was the community's economic backbone, shipbuilding, oystering, small industry and trade on the open seas from the harbor were

also part of the local economy. The early 1900's brought the leather industry along with the making of boots, hats and shoes. Milford was also famous for carriages, which were sold throughout the centuries.

After World War II, the population swelled as soldiers returned from the war and bought houses in the suburb of New Haven and Bridgeport called Milford. Industry also developed to support the war effort. Norden, Milford Rivet, U.S. Motors, and Edgcomb Steel were some of the familiar names of the time. Other industry followed most notably the consumer giants of Bic and Schick. Then the completion of I-95 in 1960, with its seven exits and entrances brought easy access. The Connecticut Post Shopping Center and other development followed rapidly. Today, Milford is home to more than 2,000 businesses of all types and sizes.

With citizens dedicated to preserving and celebrating their rich history, Milford is well-known for its annual community celebrations like the Memorial Day Parade and Oyster Festival. Multiple memorials in honor of those who have served in past conflicts parade down the grassway of the Town Green, a memorial bridge provides a stone passageway of the history of their ancestors, and the Milford Historical Society also plays an important role in the community, managing several historic properties including Wharf Lane, three early houses named for the old street which ran from the Town Dock, scene of Milford's commerce by water, to the Milford Green; the Eells-Stow House which is believed to be the oldest house in Milford; the Clark-Stockade or "Stockade House", the first house built outside the stockade or palisades which surrounded the town of Milford against Indians; and the Bryan-Downs House, originally built by Captain Jehiel Bryan and his son on the Post road between Milford and New Haven. Housed at the Bryan-Downs House is the Claude C. Coffin Indian collection which is a collection assembled by Milford native Claude C. Coffin, an archeologist of the 1920–1930 era which contains over 4,000 prehistoric Indian artifacts.

Over the course of its history, Milford has certainly reflected its motto "A Small City with a Big Heart!" It has been an honor for me to serve as their U.S. Representative these last twenty-four years and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 375th Anniversary.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th Anniversary of the First Assembly of God in Potosi, Missouri. In 1944 the first members of this church came together seeking to build a community of believers to worship and to serve others. The First Assembly of God is part of the large council of Assemblies of God which is celebrating their 100th year.

First Assembly works to reach out to the community of Potosi and beyond. Among their